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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7, 9 - 11, and 13 - 37 are currently pending. Claims 7, 9 - 11, 13 - 14, and 19 - 20 have been amended, claims 1 - 6, 8 and 12 have been canceled, and claims 26 - 37 have been added. Support for the amended and added claims may be found throughout the application as originally filed and particularly at page 5, lines 26 - 28; page 13, lines 22 - 28; and page 18, lines 15 - 21.

Claims 11 - 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Ryzin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,961) [Van Ryzin].

Claims 7 - 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Ryzin.

Claim 11 as amended is not anticipated by Van Ryzin. Specifically, Van Ryzin fails to show or suggest a "automatically updating said configuration data if new configuration data is available; and automatically transferring said updated-configuration data to said electronic system if said electronic system is operatively coupled to said control station."

Van Ryzin, as understood, discusses a remote control that is configured to bi-directionally communicate with an audio/visual device and bi-directionally communicate with a computer that is in turn configured to communicate with a network of computers, such as the Internet. The remote control is configured to receive a table of contents from the audio/visual device and transfer the table of contents to the computer. The computer in turn is configured to transfer the table of contents to the network, which supplies the computer with editable titles and text strings relevant to the table of contents. Further, the computer may be used to edit the title and text strings to generate a play list. See Van Ryzin at columns 5 and 6. Nowhere does Van Ryzin show or suggest that the titles and text strings are automatically updated with new data if new data is available. Further, nowhere does Van Ryzin discuss automatically transferring updated titles and text strings to the computer and remote control if the remote control is operatively coupled to the network. Van Ryzin merely discusses transferring titles and test stings to a computer and a remote control if a table of contents is received by the network.

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Therefore, Van Ryzin fails to disclose every limitation of amended claim 11. Therefore, Van Ryzin fails to anticipate amended claim 11.

For at least the same reasons that Van Ryzin fails to anticipate amended claim 11, Van Ryzin similarly fails to render claim 7 and claim 20 obvious.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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